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To: []
From: []
Subject: Contact with Grallspice 1, 13 June 1953
Contact Report #33

Opening of Meeting:

1. Case officer [] had agreed to meet agent Grallspice 1 at 1600 hours on 13 June 1953 at a park near the Maxglaner Kino. Normally this park is well suited for meetings since it is surrounded by a high hedge and is rarely visited by strollers during the day. Case officer arrived at the meeting place a few minutes early and noticed that there were several tree-trimmers working in the park. Case officer turned down the street and met Grallspice 1 approaching him. They decided to walk about four blocks toward town where the meeting was held in another small park.

Production:

2. Agent submitted his weekly behavior reports, which were examined.

Operational Matters:

3. Grallspice 1 gave case officer five letters which are to be mailed from Wels, Linz, Innsbruck, and other Austrian towns to agent. These are business letters which agent will leave lying about his desk in his apartment, for adding support to his cover story as a merchant and businessman.

4. Agent reported that his landlady informed him that he would have to register with the Fremdenverkehr in Salzburg. All foreigners (except occupation personnel) remaining in Salzburg longer than six months must register with the Fremdenverkehr. In order to avoid paying the tax required as from tourists, businessmen have only to present a letter from their employers confirming their bona fides as businessmen. Naturally we would not be able to have Grallspice 1 present himself at the Fremdenverkehrsamt as a tourist to pay the tax, as it would not fit his cover. It was therefore suggested that agent make a dry run, going to the Fremdenverkehrsamt himself and saying that he was in the neighborhood and having heard of the letter required of him, he would like to have the details so that he could inform his employer.

Personal Matters:

5. Agent and case officer discussed the recent arrest of Beria. Agent

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feels that Malenkov is supreme in Russia now and that Molotov is no longer a contender to any power in the USSR.

6. Agent reported that he had been leading a very strict life. He also added that he hasn't seen his girl friend. He was quite disappointed in not being allowed to see her anymore but found consolation in the fact that at least he carried out his promise to her, i.e., to look into the girls' home in Bad Reichenhall. Otherwise agent said he was leading the life of a "Klostermannes."

7. It was suggested that in future meetings agent speak English and case officer Russian, in which case both would be benefiting from the other's native tongue. In addition, agent will receive special instruction in English.

8. Agent reported that there were no more English classes being held until the beginning of October. The only alternative for him would be to hire a private tutor. This was considered inadvisable, since one more person would become very well acquainted with agent.

Communications:

9. Agent was requested to procure a telephone for his apartment as soon as possible regardless of the cost. He said it would be easy to arrange and would take care of it the next day. Furthermore, agent was told that a new telephone code was going to be employed and that the old one is now superceded. In the future, agent or case officer will call the other only in case of an emergency (as has been the practice in the past) and neither will discuss any problem over the telephone. The conversation will consist wholly of making meeting arrangements. Therefore, either case officer or agent will give a time to the other in which case the meeting will take place two hours earlier than the stated time and always at the little park near the Maxgauer Kino. (This park is located at the corner of Franz Hueber Strasse and Baeuhausgasse.) In this way there will be no reason to discuss over the phone the meeting place and if necessity demands, emergency meeting could take place immediately by merely giving a time two hours in advance.

Security:

10. Agent was questioned in detail as to his apartment and his normal everyday life as concerns security. Agent answered that he has never been questioned by anyone as to the bona fides of his business or of his being a German businessman. He has never felt himself, his apartment, or his family as being under any kind of surveillance. He further claims that he has never noticed anything in the least that would suggest suspicion as to his presence in Salzburg. Agent promised that he would immediately report anything of such a nature to the case officer.

11. Agent was told that no more meetings would ever be held at the Protestant Church, since he and case officer had already met there too often.

Administrative Matters:

12. Agent was reimbursed 88.20 schillings for his electric bill which he submitted about three weeks ago and which case officer was lax in paying. A receipt was received.

Close of Meeting:

13. The meeting ended at 1650 hours. It was agreed to meet again on 17 July 1953 at 1100 hours in front of the Hotel Meran on Elisabeth Strasse.

Case Officer Comments:

14. As expected, agent's morale is very low again. He is obviously very bored with his existence and is very disturbed at having been reprimanded about his adventure with the 16-year old girl. He says he realizes full well the possible consequences of the friendship but due to his past adventures seems to underestimate the situation. It is not intended to rebuild agent's morale immediately but to let him suffer a little while for his sins. Naturally he will not be allowed to suffer too long for fear this will affect the friendly relationship between agent and case officer and perhaps permanently injure agent's morale. It should be borne in mind that agent has been out of any operational activity for five months and it looks like his inactivity will last several more months. Agent remarked that any other person would probably be glad to be in his position, that is, to be earning a big salary with no work, nothing to do but relax, have a nice apartment, etc. But agent would prefer to be a little more active.

15. If what agent says in the paragraph on security is true, then his presence in Salzburg should be quite secure in spite of the other security breaches as noted in previous reports. If agent continues his present inactivity he should furthermore remain quite secure if this inactivity does not weigh too heavily on his morale. If possible some consideration should be given to putting agent out operationally on small jobs, scrounging around town for low-level leads which, even if they flapped, would not seriously jeopardize his position. It is the considered opinion of case officer that such an assignment would be of great help to agent's morale without necessarily seriously endangering agent's security. As pointed out before it does not seem that such abstract tasks as propaganda writing, safe house spotting, buying typewriters, will satisfy a personality like Grallspice 1 for very long.

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